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**Testimony of  
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**Concerning H. B. 5309**

***AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE  
PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE  
CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE TO  
IMPLEMENT E-GOVERNMENT***

**Government Administration and Elections Committee**

**March 12, 2012**

Good afternoon Senator Slossberg, Representative Morin, and distinguished members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee. My name is Kendall Wiggin and I am the State Librarian. I am here to speak in support of H.B. 5039.

When I became State Librarian in 1999 the official State of Connecticut website – *ConneCT* - was managed by the *ConneCT Management Advisory Committee* (CMAC). This committee was a collaborative effort between agencies and organizations across all branches of government and Connecticut's institutions of public higher education. CMAC was coordinated by the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) and sponsored by the Department of Information Technology (DOIT). Before that there was the State Home Page Advisory Committee. These early committees which the State Library actively participated on, were important to the development of Connecticut state government's early web presence. If Connecticut is to effectively implement e-government it is critical that we again use a collaborative approach as outlined in this bill. The e-government board will be critical to the successful implementation of e-government. The State Library actively participated in the state's early efforts at creating a web presence and I am pleased that this bill calls for the inclusion of the State Librarian on the e-government board. Staff at the State Library have experience in this area and I believe we can make important contributions to this much needed effort. The State Library also administers the State Archives and the Office of Public Records. E-government brings with it many new and challenging issues over long term access to government information, authentication, and preservation. In January of this year I issued recommendations for establishing standards and guidelines for the preservation and authentication of electronic documents. This knowledge we have gained in studying these issues and the guidance we are developing should prove useful to the e-government board.